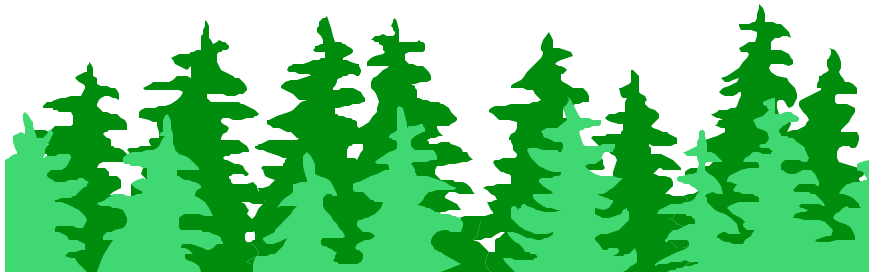


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## Planning for the Future of Local Forests

### *Forestland Evaluation and Site Assessment*

Forestland Evaluation and Site Assessment (FLESA) provides communities with the tools to assess their forest resources; identify local values and goals; and better integrate natural resources into economic development strategies and planning in relation to the larger landscape. The FLESA project team, including a wide variety of natural resource-related organizations, has completed the FLESA manual, *Planning for the Future of Local Forests: A Guide for New Hampshire Towns Using the Forestland Evaluation and Site Assessment Process*, and a geographical information systems software extension and user guide.

**General Informational Sessions and Technical Workshops** will be held for communities and natural resources professionals according to the schedule on the following page. **Attendees at all sessions will receive a copy of the FLESA manual, *Planning for the Future of Local Forests*.**

**General Information Sessions:** These sessions provide an overview of the FLESA process, describing the application of FLESA in community planning efforts. They are intended to provide local community officials, planning boards, conservation commissions, and interested residents information that will be helpful to them in making a decision whether to pursue a FLESA application for their town.

**Technical Workshops:** The technical workshops provide in-depth instruction for implementing the FLESA process. They are intended for natural resource professionals and consultants who might be called upon to perform or assist in various aspects of a FLESA application. Interested community officials and others who would like a deeper understanding of the process are also invited to attend. Attendees will also receive a copy of the FLESA ARCView extension user guide, *FLESA-Tools*.

**Technical Workshops qualify for: NH Licensed Foresters 3.0 CEU's or SAF Category 1 3.0 CFE's.**

*General information sessions and technical workshops are being coordinated with and hosted by New Hampshire's regional planning commissions.*

In addition to many individual team members, the FLESA project could not have been successful without the assistance of the following organizations: the NH Division of Forests and Lands, UNH Cooperative Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NH Office of State Planning, the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, NH Timberland Owners Association, and the Society for Protection of NH Forests.

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# SCHEDULE

General Information Sessions (all held at 7-8:30 p.m.)	
October 25 Keene	Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street
October 29 Meredith	Lakes Region Planning Commission, 103 Main Street
November 8 Nashua	Nashua Regional Planning Commission, 115 Main Street
November 13 Bethlehem	North Country Council, The Rocks Estate, 107 Glessner Road
November 15 Exeter	Rockingham Planning Commission, 156 Water Street
November 27 Lebanon	Lebanon Senior Center, 10 Campbell Street
December 4 Concord	Horseshoe Pond Community Resource Center, 26 Commercial Street

Technical Workshops* (all held 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted)	
October 26 Keene	Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street
October 30 Meredith	Lakes Region Planning Commission, 103 Main Street
November 10 Concord	Horseshoe Pond Community Resource Center, 26 Commercial Street
November 13 Bethlehem, 1:00-4:15 p.m.	North Country Council, The Rocks Estate, 107 Glessner Road
November 29 Exeter	Rockingham Planning Commission, 156 Water Street

## Presenters:

Tom Kokx is principle of Thomas Kokx Associates (TKA), a landscape architecture and planning firm located in Gilford, NH. Tom has over 30 years of professional experience in land use and natural resource management planning, both in the public and private sector. TKA provided editing and contributed text for the FLESA manual.

Don Richard is a cartographer and geographic information system specialist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Concord, NH. Don has 10 years experience in using GIS to support NRCS programs. Don completed the GIS analysis, developed the ARCVIEW extension, and authored the Town of New Boston's FLESA study.

For more information, call the Southern New Hampshire RC&D Area Council at (603) 223-0083 or email [ecooper@nh.usda.gov](mailto:ecooper@nh.usda.gov). All workshops are free of charge.

**\*To ensure that we have enough space and training materials, registration is required for technical workshops.**

***Please register for technical workshops at least 3 days before workshop date.***

*Complete the form below and return to Southern NH RC&D Council, 10 Ferry Street, Box 4, Suite 422, Concord, NH 03301. Or telephone 223-0083 or email [ecooper@nh.usda.gov](mailto:ecooper@nh.usda.gov).*

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